

BEFORE THE
POSTAL RATE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20268-0001

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POSTAL RATE AND FEE CHANGES, 2000

Docket No. R2000-1

MOTION OF THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE
FOR LATE ACCEPTANCE OF ITS REQUEST
TO CONDUCT ORAL CROSS-EXAMINATION OF
MAJOR MAILERS ASSOCIATION WITNESS BENTLEY (MMA-ST-1)
(August 25, 2000)

The United States Postal Service hereby requests that it be permitted to file today, one calendar day late, its request for permission to conduct oral cross-examination of MMA witness Bentley regarding his August 23, 2000, supplemental testimony (MMA-ST-1). That request was required to have been filed yesterday. The testimony was downloaded by the Postal Service late on the 23rd; however, undersigned counsel and others in the Postal Service responsible for reviewing it were unable to examine it until after returning from the hearing room late in the afternoon yesterday, too late in the day to file a notice of intent to conduct cross-examination.

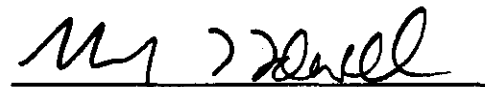
Undersigned counsel has informed MMA counsel of the filing of the notice of intent to conduct cross-examination and this motion. The Postal Service is authorized to represent that MMA has no objection to the notice being filed one day late.

Respectfully submitted,

UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE

By its attorneys:

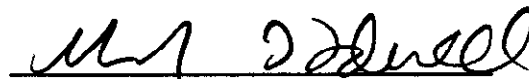
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day served the foregoing document upon all participants of record in this proceeding in accordance with section 12 of the Rules of Practice.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "MT Tidwell", written over a horizontal line.

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